A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MICHAEL JULIAN BOND

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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF AND THE FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION, TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT TO THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL A ZONE AND BEAT REDESIGN PLAN WITHIN 180 DAYS OF ADOPTION OF SAID RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City's zone and beat boundaries were reformulated in 2004; and

WHEREAS, in the intervening six years, the City's population has grown to well over half a million; and

WHEREAS, an April 2009 City Auditor's Office performance audit on police patrol officer availability found that the Atlanta Police Department could better align patrol resources and deployment with workload by redrawing beat boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City's police zones vary in size and population; and

WHEREAS, Zone 1 is 19 square miles; Zone 2 is 40 square miles; Zone 3 is 24 square miles; Zone 4 is 32 square miles; Zone 5 is eight square miles; and Zone 6 is 16.6 square miles – an increase of 5.6 square miles from its 2003 size; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Atlanta, in particular those in Zones 4 and 6, have clearly and consistently expressed their profound fears and pressing concerns regarding decreased police availability and slow response time; and

WHEREAS, to more equitably distribute workload and allow for increased police response times and greater police patrol availability and presence city-wide.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES and requests that the Atlanta Police Department develop and submit to the Mayor and the City Council a zone and beat redesign plan within 180 days of adoption of this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.